

CIA Dispute Splits Student Convention

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Washington—More than 1,000 National Student Association delegates convened in a nearby college armory to debate the fate of their CIA-supported organization yesterday, as a leftist student group staged a counter-convention right below.

Robert Amory, former CIA deputy director, was on hand to explain things as the NSA's 20th national congress began last night with a symposium on an issue that is too close to the organization's heart, "Secrecy in a Free Society: The CIA." However, three other scheduled participants weren't quite so handy.

Sol Stern, assistant managing editor of Ramparts Magazine, which initially broke the story of this NSA-CIA fiscal arrangement; Andrew Kopkind, contributing editor for the New Republic and Washington correspondent for Britain's New Statesman, and James Ridgeway, contributing editor for New Republic, all decided that they were so opposed to the "NSA's unwillingness to deal honestly with its CIA involvements" that they could not participate in the symposium on the University of Maryland

campus. So the three agreed to speak instead at a counter-convention hosted by the Students for a Democratic Society, a separate group of "new left" students, in a room in a basement of the armory.

Meanwhile, Amory was telling the NSA students that "when it comes to taking government money, I don't think there's a great deal of difference whether it's CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) money, OEO (Office of Economic Opportunity) money, or HEW (Health Education and Welfare) money. The idea that you were dealing with a bunch of gray-suited monsters with 007 mentalities is a complete phony." With Amory on the panel were W. Eugene Groves, NSA president; Sam Brown, a Harvard divinity student and head of the NSA National Supervisory Board; and Carey McWilliams, Jr., professor of government at Oberlin College.

Choices Before NSA

Throughout the 14-day convention, the leaders and rank-and-file of the NSA will be debating the future of their national organization, in the wake of the revelation that the NSA has been subsidized by the CIA. Some believe the organization should be unchanged; others say the structure should be modified so such sub rosa subsidies can never again happen; still others say that NSA should scrap it all and start over. The latter is the position of the leftist group that met in the basement.

Groves, head of the NSA, released a report today naming 10 foundations that had funneled \$3,256,710.66 in CIA money to NSA since 1949. The report said other possible CIA conduits may have been responsible for an additional \$127,729.42.

Amory served as deputy director for intelligence in the CIA for 10 years beginning in 1952. In April, 1962, he left the CIA to serve as chief of the international division for the Bureau of the Budget. Three years later he stepped down to develop a private Washington law practice. Amory told the students that the Communists were intensely active in student international efforts in the late 1940s and 1950s, and that the NSA needed CIA funds to exist and adequately represent the U.S. abroad. Other panelists felt this may have been true, but the secrecy involved damaged the NSA more than the money helped it.

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